--- CANADA LEAF ONLY - Division “Open” - “Series of 1881” - 3rd BABN Contract ---

--- 1/5th pound - *lithographed* in GREEN ink - 4 mm. blue controls -- 238 x 20 mm. - scanned at 67% scale ---

Chris Ryan reports in the “Canadian Revenue Newsletter” of March 2003, that in anticipation of the Act of 1883 the Revenue Department, on January 13th 1883, instructed BABN not to print any new supplies of the soon to be supplanted 1880-81 strips, unless specially authorized to do so. On July 1st 1883 the Department declared that the 1/20th, 1/10th and 2 pound green strips were *obsolete*.

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886)

John McKay records 254,667 *lithographed* copies of 1-5th “Green Leaf Tobacco” as ‘delivered’. As there were no 1/5th pound “Canada Twist Only” or “Tabac Canadien / en Torquette” strips, all of these 1-5th pound “Green Leaf Tobacco” were inscribed “Canada Leaf Only”. This is his only entry which matches the CANADA LEAF ONLY 1/5th pound strip.

--- The highest control number on the 1/5 lb. green Division Open CANADA LEAF ONLY stamp - as recorded to date ---

1/5 pound, Division Open - **001006** a single copy

The catalogue lists the 1/5th pound, green, Division Open CANADA LEAF ONLY strip as follows:

RP-85 - 1/5th pound, green, perforated 12, Division Open, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls

RP-85n - 1/5th pound, green, perforated 12, Division Open, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

The following strip is a remnant. It has been scissor-clipped from an unfinished imperforate sheet. Since it was not a production item, I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a separate catalogue number.

1/5th pound, green, *imperforate*, Division Open, without control numbering
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

The collection *does not contain* a copy of the perforated 1/5th pound Division Open strip, with faint blue 5 mm. control numbers, lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper. There are many of these faint blue 5 mm. control numbered strips sprinkled throughout the Series of 1880. I feel that they were prepared by the Department for a philatelic exhibition in the early 1880's, or for presentation to a noted philatelist.

--- RP-85 - 1/5th pound - perforated 12 - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove ---

RP-85 - 1/5th pound, green, perforated 12, Division Open, control number **001006**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

001006★	RP-85	1/5th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh

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